

Female ex-combatant with the NLA

You are a female ex-combatant affiliated with the NLA's ten-year struggle. You understand how tired the NLA rank and file is of the suffering and how they are willing to abide by this agreement to end the violence. Additionally, it seems funding from other countries is running out. The NLA feels the government has been the greatest perpetrator of crimes, but it is your job to put aside any biases or hostilities you may still feel in order to work toward a joint, comprehensive transitional justice mechanism.

You want assurances major government and military leaders will be tried, preferably in an international court. You are willing to have amnesty or some type of truth and reconciliation mechanism for those who have not committed serious crimes. The NLA understands some of its own people may have committed violent acts as well. You seek a compromise to include international guarantees. Your role is to contribute to the development of an acceptable balance of accountability and/or amnesty and to make sure that the needs of combatants are addressed through justice and reconciliation. Having been in the trenches with your female comrades, you recognize their unique position. Therefore, you insist that women be involved not solely as victims, but as leaders of specific components of the transitional justice mechanism.